

## CLEAN IT!

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## Press Release

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16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TRASH BASH: TIME AGAIN TO "CLEAN IT LIKE YOU MEAN IT"!

HOUSTON, TX: If you are wondering what you can do to take care of Texas, then you will want to join over 5,000 Texans in the Houston-Galveston area to "Clean it like you mean it" at the 16th Annual River, Lakes, Bays 'n Bayous Trash Bash.

Families, schools, churches, and scout troops are just a few of the groups that are gathering on Saturday, March 28, 2009 to participate in the State's largest waterway cleanup event. With sixteen Trash Bash locations in the greater Houston-Galveston area, it is easy to find one near you. Make a difference in your community by picking up trash that can clog storm drains and end up in Galveston Bay!

Go to <a href="www.trashbash.org">www.trashbash.org</a> to choose your site. Download your registration/liability forms and bring them to your chosen Trash

Bash location or fill out a form onsite. Registration and checkin starts at 8:30 a.m. Every site will provide volunteers with gloves, trash bags, t-shirts, lunch, door prizes, and educational activities. A commemorative patch is available for scouts and patch collectors.

In 1994, the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality joined forces to organize "Trash Bash<sup>®</sup>". In 1999, the Trash Bash<sup>®</sup> Steering Committee, comprised of local partners, took over the event.

Trash Bash® has received many local, state and national awards, including the Governor's Texas Environmental Excellence Award, Keep America Beautiful Award, Keep Houston Beautiful Award, Mayor of Houston's Proud Partners Award, Keep Texas Beautiful Award for Civic Leadership, and EPA Gulf Guardian Award.

Corporate sponsors are able to satisfy requirements of industry initiatives such as 'Clean Industries', 'Clean Industries *Plus'*, and 'Responsible Care'<sup>®</sup>. In 2003, Trash Bash® was also approved by TCEQ as an ongoing Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP)!

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Mobilize your family, school, church, neighbors, and organizations to remove tons of trash and debris from your community - the Galveston Bay watershed. Groups of six or more are encouraged to contact their site coordinator for special instructions that will ease registration. For more information visit <a href="www.trashbash.org">www.trashbash.org</a>, call the Trash Bash Hotline at 281-486-9500, or e-mail <a href="swinformation@h-gac.com">swinformation@h-gac.com</a>.